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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. A. Washburn	Term expires April, 1883
Charles Dutton	" " 1883
J. B. Butterfield	" " 1884
William Sherburne	" " 1884
D. L. Coburn	" " 1885
Louville Curtis	" " 1885

REPORT.

At a regular meeting of the School Committee held March 20, 1883, the report of the Superintendent to the School Committee was adopted as the report of the School Committee to the Town.

D. L. COBURN, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Tyngsborough.

GENTLEMEN: — The following report of labor, expenditures, and observation in our school department, for the year now closing, is respectfully submitted.

Number of children in Town May 1st, 1882, between the age of five and fifteen years, as returned by the assessors—72.

Whole number attending school during the year, including non-residents—109.

Number in attendance under five years of age—1.

Number in attendance over fifteen years of age—13.

Average attendance—94.34.

Number of weeks schooling—195.

Number of visitors—380.

Number of visits by Superintendent—106.

Total expense of Schools—$1751.27.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	TEACHERS.	Length of Term in months.	Wages of Teachers per month.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Cost of each Pupil per week.
	Spring Term.					
No. 1. . .	Mary S. Emerson	3	$24	11	9.86	$ .55
" 2. . .	Lizzie J. Parkhurst	3	24	12	9.48	.50
" 3. . .	Abbie J. Cutter	3	24	6	5.94	1.00
" 6. . .	Susie Norris	3	24	13	10.07	.47
" 7. . .	Jennie M. Bennett	3	24	7	6.69	.86
" 8. . .	Emma G. French	3	36	35	31.08	.26
	Fall Term.					
" 1. . .	Mary S. Emerson	3	24	13	9.41	.46
" 2. . .	Lizzie J. Parkhurst	3	24	13	10.28	.46
" 6. . .	Susie Norris	2½	24	16	14.08	.375
" 8. . .	Annie M. Goulding	2¾	24	38	30.81	.16
	Winter Term.					
" 2. . .	Martha J. Davis	2½	28	15	10.69	.47
" 3. . .	Rebecca E. Sweetser . . .	3	28	9	7.38	.78
" 5. . .	Maria A. Hamblett	2¾	28	10	8.72	.70
" 6. . .	Susie Norris	2½	28	9	8.03	.78
" 7. . .	Georgie A. Harnden . . .	2¾	28	9	9.	.78
" 8. . .	Annie M. Goulding	3	28	18	14.2	.39
Winslow,	William S. Greene	3	55	18	13.45	.76

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance undrawn March 21, 1882	$ 72 18
Received from picnic at Willow Dale	18 50
Tuition from Alvah Gilson	9 00
Tuition from Town of Westford	54 00
Dog Tax	56 36
State Fund	208 14
Winslow Fund	132 17
Appropriation	1,150 00
Total	$1,700 35

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for care of houses	$28 00
" " wood and coal	125 97
" " repairs	25 77
" " transportation of pupils	47 00
" " school supplies	36 53
" " maps and charts	52 10
" " exchange of books	47 00
" " teachers	1385 00
" town of Dunstable, for tuition	4 00
Total	$1751 37

During the summer term we were honored by visits from the State Board of Education on three separate occasions. The Secretary, with his multitude of cares and duties, not only visited us in person, but also deputized both Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Walton to visit us. The suggestions made on these occasions for consideration of parents, teachers and pupils awakened new interest in our schools and will have a growing beneficial influence.

At the commencement of this term prizes for excellence in penmanship developed deep interest on the part of the scholars in this much neglected branch of education. At close of term in place of the usual school examination, a picnic was held at Willow Dale by invitation of Mr. Jonathan Bowers. As proceeds from this picnic we realized $18.50, which increased to $52.10 from State fund, was expended for the purchase of maps and other like aids for the school-rooms.

For the past twenty years, within which time the number of school children in this town has diminished from one hundred and thirty-six to seventy-two, the school committee in their annual reports have advocated the consolidation of our schools, but it was left for you, gentlemen, to practically demonstrate the benefits to be thus derived. Realizing in a measure the duties and responsibilities so soon to be placed upon our children, is it not the most natural of all things human that we should desire to secure for them the best possible preparation from the means at our command?

Actuated by sentiments of this character and impelled by the oft-repeated recommendation of our predecessors, the committee opened but four schools, Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 8, for the fall term, and thus furnished to each teacher nearer that universally acknowledged prime necessity for a good school—a sufficient number of pupils. By this consolidation and consequent decrease in expense, it became possible for every child in town to secure during the year from thirty to thirty-six weeks' schooling and at an inconvenience to but a limited number for whom transportation should be

furnished. Can the most unthinking fail to appreciate the benefits that must result from good schools for eight months during the year rather than from poorer ones for six months?

For the winter term six schools (Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8) were opened, although observation convinces me that four (Nos. 2, 3, 6 and 8) would have been better.

During this term a change was made in geographies and readers, by the introduction of Harper's Geography and the first four Readers of Sheldon's series, thereby displacing books with which the pupils had tired by long acquaintance, many having memorized a large part of the old readers.

The advantages arising from this change of books it is hoped and believed will meet the expectation of those teachers and friends of our schools who have long desired it and more than whispered their wishes.

In conclusion, allow me to say that those persons who have been employed as teachers within the year are entitled to commendation for the generally faithful manner in which their duties have been performed. Uninterrupted harmony has characterized the entire period of our relation.

Thanking the Committee for the support given me and its individual members for the courtesies received, this report is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES DUTTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

TYNGSBOROUGH, March 20, 1883.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS OF TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Citizens of Tyngsborough:—

On Monday, April 1st, 1878, the voters of this town established a free Public Library, and adopted certain rules and regulations in regard to the same, viz: That the town will furnish a suitable room for the Library in the Townhouse. That the Library shall be under the care of the board of Directors, chosen annually by the town. That said Directors shall act without pay, and shall procure a Librarian who shall be accountable to them for the well-being of the Library.

We are not insensible to the fact that this town is deeply in debt on account of the building of the Tyngsborough Bridge, but at the same time we think that the town should furnish better accommodations for its Library, for it is worthy of a *larger*, *lighter*, and *dryer* room.

During the year, Mr. Bowers, with his usual generosity, offered the free use of his grounds at Willow Dale for a picnic in aid of your Library, the result of which can be easily ascertained by referring to the Treasurer's account.

At the close of the year your Library contained 2148 volumes which were in excellent condition for

circulation, and the remaining 24 volumes are at the present time being rebound.

DANIEL PARHAM,
WILLIAM SHERBURNE,
SUMNER WOODWARD,
GEORGE O. PERHAM,
W. E. BARRY,
LOUVILLE CURTIS,
Directors.

TYNGSBOROUGH, March 17th, 1883.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of Tyngsborough Public Library.

GENTLEMEN: — I herewith submit my Fourth Annual Report as Librarian, containing the statistics of the Library for the year ending March 17, 1883.

Whole number of volumes in Library	2172
Number of volumes added during the year	163
Number of volumes added by purchase	122
Number of volumes donated	18
Number of Public Documents received	23
Number of unbound pamphlets	147
Number of volumes delivered during the year	3581
Number of volumes delivered in 1881–2	3711
Number of days Library opened for delivery of books	51
Average number of books delivered each week	70.2
Number of persons taking books from Library	223

LOUVILLE CURTIS, *Librarian.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

YEAR ENDING MARCH 17, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Treasurer for 1882	$6 19
From Town orders	100 00
For fines	4 05

For three catalogues	75
Proceeds of Willow Dale picnic	73 12
Received change from Librarian	61
	$184 72

EXPENDITURES.

Willard Small, for books	$122 00
Librarian's salary	25 00
Marden & Rowell, for printing supplement	12 00
Bacheller, Dumas & Co., blank book and re-binding books	8 15
Express, postage, mucilage, &c.	3 50
Soule & Bugbee, for books	2 15
A. M. Sherman, books	2 00
300 Library cards	3 00
400 labels	1 25
Balance unexpended	5 67
	$184 72

WILLIAM SHERBURNE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Year ending Dec. 31, 1882.

Births recorded: Males 3, females 4; total 7. All of native parentage. Marriages recorded, 4; deaths recorded: males 6, females 5; total 11. Ages as follows: 39, 48, 64, 70, 74, 75, 82, 83, 90, 91, 96. Number of dogs licensed: males 23, at $2.00 each, $46.00; females 4, at $5.00 each, $20.00—total, $66.00. Amount of fees for licenses 27 at 20 cents each, $5.40. Balance paid into the County Treasury, $60.60.

J. H. D. LITTLEHALE, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF SUPT. OF TOWN SCALES.

Amount received for weighing on town scales, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1882, $11.20.

J. H. D. LITTLEHALE, *Supt.*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Amount of warrant of Assessors, 1881,	$6,096 30	
Interest	18 32	
		$6,114 62
Paid Town Treasurer,	5,645 02	
County tax	128 13	
Discount allowed	228 45	
Balance of uncollected taxes and interest	113 02	
		$6,114 62

For the Year 1882.

To amount of warrant of Assessors, 1882		$5,653 29
Paid Town Treasurer	$4,736 97	
County tax	128 13	
Discount allowed	221 03	
Balance of uncollected taxes	567 16	
		$5,653 29

March 19, 1883.

EBENEZER SWAN, *Collector.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1882, $279,925.00; Personal property, $44,670.00; total valuation, $324,595.00. No. of polls, 167; No. of dwelling-houses, 133; horses, 144; cows, 242; sheep, 42. County tax, $128.13; State tax, $340; Town tax $5,150; overlayings, $35.16.

J. B. BUTTERFIELD,
G. O. PERHAM,
FRANK S. BENNETT,
Assessors of Tyngsborough.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. A. Washburn, *Town Treasurer*, in account with the Town of Tyngsborough.

Dr.

By cash in Treasury, March 19, 1882	$1,385 24

Received of Ebenezer Swan, collector for 1880,	61 43
interest on taxes for 1880	18 32
Ebenezer Swan, collector for 1881	315 00
" " " 1882	4,736 97
Town of Westford, tuition,	89 50
State and Military aid	28 00
Proceeds school pic-nic at Willow Dale,	18 50
State Treasurer, corporation tax	675 21
" National Bank tax,	191 01
" State aid	60 00
Relief for soldiers and sailors	32 00
Mass. School fund	208 48
Corporation tax,	31 86
County Treasurer, dog licenses	56 36
James T. Lund, rent on shop	3 00
Tuition from A. Gilson,	9 00
For use of hay scales	11 20
For Furniture, N. Gilson	5 00
For use of Town Hall	4 00
For old chain, etc.	1 11
E. Swan	2 00
Amount received	$7,943 19

Cr.

To cash paid on orders of Selectmen	$4,114 41
Paid Wm. Sherburne, outstanding order	500 00
Interest on same	57 50
Lowell Institution for Savings, principal on town note	1,000 00
State tax	340 00
Interest on Town notes	640 00
Amount paid out	$6,651 91
Balance in treasury March 19, 1883	1,291 28
	7,943 19

H. A. WASHBURN, *Town Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Town Line.—Agreeable to notice, the Selectmen of this Town met the Selectmen of Pelham, N. H., on the 16th day of Dec., 1882, and perambulated the line between said towns, and found the bounds in their proper places. There being some question as to the line between the town of Tyngsboro and the town of Hudson, N. H., engineers were employed to run the line, and stakes were set where line crosses the road; the Selectmen of Hudson agreeing with the Selectmen of Tyngsboro, to set stone bounds at these points as the law requires. Subsequently it was ascertained that steps were being taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to order a new survey between the States. Further information leads us to believe that no new survey will be ordered, but that the old one will be ratified by the two States. Should such be the case the bounds above mentioned should be established.

Trust Funds.—$6,667.50 of the Lawrence Fund for the poor remains invested in the City of Boston 5s, 1905, the income, $300.00 has been paid to Supt. of Almshouse. The balance of fund is in the City Institution for Savings, in Lowell. The Lawrence Poor Fund of $1000.00 is invested in Butterfield lot, (so called).

Wood and Timber.—According to vote of Town, we have cut 41,104 feet of timber from the Town Farm, and sold and delivered the same to John G. Upton, for $11.00 per M. Have also cut 197½ cords of wood.

Paid for cutting 197½ cords at .85, $167.88: paid for cutting and hauling 41,104 feet of timber, at $3.50 per M., $146.50; total, $314.38. Money for this expense was advanced by Mr. Upton. The balance is due the town in June, 1883.

Important. From the town records of 1879:

"*Voted.* That the Town Financial Year shall close Monday, two weeks preceding the Annual Town Meeting, that the Collector, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, report to the Selectmen at that time, also that the financial part of

the Directors of the Town Library be submitted at this time, and that the Selectmen have the Town Report printed for distribution at the annual meeting, also the financial part of the School Committee's report be submitted at this time."

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

On the 26th of Dec., 1882, the Selectmen of Tyngsboro received the following petition:

"*To the Selectmen of the town of Tyngsborough:*

We, the undersigned, legal voters of the town of Tyngsborough, believing the Town to be unduly burdened by the assessment made for the construction and maintenance of the bridge over the Merrimac River, hereby respectfully ask that a Town Meeting may be held for the purpose of considering the desirableness of petitioning the General Court for relief."

(Signed by ten legal voters.)

In answer to the above petition, a Town Meeting was held Jan. 10th, 1883, and the following vote was passed:—That the Town petition the General Court for relief of the burden of assessment and maintenance of the bridge across the Merrimac River at Tyngsboro. Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to draft petition, and conduct all needed business before the General Court, and employ counsel. Voted, that Dr. Charles Dutton, J. H. D. Littlehale and S. S. Sherman constitute this committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Rufus Allen's Note	$ 700 00	
City Institution for Savings	9,000 00	
Lucy Littlefield's Note	1,000 00	
		$10,700 00

ASSETS

Cash in Treasury March 19, 1883	$1,291 28	
Due from Commonwealth, State aid	102 00	
Uncollected taxes, 1881	113 02	
Uncollected taxes, 1882	567 16	
		$ 2,073 46
Debt March 19, 1883,		8,626 54
Debt March 20, 1882,		10,246 29
Decrease in Town debt		$1,619 75

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

E. Swan, Collector of taxes, 1879	$ 94 32
" " 1880	81 71
R. B. Sherburn. bal. on salary 1881	3 00
J. B. Butterfield, pay as Assessor	19 75
" " Selectman	33 50
" " Overseer of Poor	35 00
Geo. O. Perham, as Assessor	16 00
" as Selectman	8 45
" as Overseer of Poor	13 00
Frank S. Bennett, as Assessor	15 62
" as Selectman	9 75
" as Overseer of Poor	6 00
Dr. Charles Dutton, salary as Supt. of Schools,	60 00
J. H. D. Littlehale, salary as Town Clerk	25 00
" expense	2 00
" Supt. of Town scales	10 00
H. A. Washburn, salary as Treasurer	25 00
Total	$458 10

STATE AID.

Rocavius Brown, nine months	$ 54 00
Sarah P. Darling, twelve months	48 00
Total	$102 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Division No. 1, Frank S. Bennett	$104 62
" 2, Otis L. Wright	97 34
" 3, John T. Chandler	100 65
" 4, James W. Marshall	102 00
" 5, Geo. O. Perham	78 50
" 6, D. A. Lawrence	106 50
" 7, Peter Littlehale	102 35
Total	$691 96

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Jas. T. Lund, hanging bell and repairs of Town House,	$ 14 20
Mortgage blanks	3 64
Expense of Committee to buy Hearse	10 00
1 Hearse	435 00
3 Chairs for Selectmen's room	5 00
Freight on Hearse	4 80

Printing Town Report, 1882	30 00
S. T. Wright, Insurance Policy, Almshouse and Barn	31 14
A. Waugh, repairs on bridge	3 00
L. Curtis, binding records and Collectors' books	3 25
E. P. Hoole, road damage	50 00
Jas. T. Lund, repairs as per bill	12 04
Osgood & Snell, surveying Town line	20 00
Tar and repairs on bridge	8 70
Dinner for Legislative Committee	21 07
S. G. Mack & Co., repairs on stove in Grammar School	6 75
Blank Record Book	12 00
J. H. D. Littlehale, sundries as per bill	14 82
Jas. T. Lund, repairs on Town House	2 37
R. S. Coburn, driving Hearse for 7 funerals	7 00
" conducting 5 funerals	10 00
" returning 9 deaths	90
" administering Oath to Town Officials	3 75
" postage stamps	24
" enforcing Dog Law	4 00
Copying 3 Warrants and posting	3 00
S. W. Woodward & Son, repairing scraper	5 50
Cart Axle for Town	8 00
Geo. O. Perham, driving Hearse for 3 funerals	3 00
" conducting 3 funerals	6 00
Returning 4 deaths	40
H. A. Washburn, stationery	1 12
J. B. Butterfield, cash paid for sundries as per bill	3 85
Cash paid Geo. Andrews, cleaning stove-pipe	25
Total	$744 79

SUMMARY.

State aid	$ 102 00
Town Officials (salaries)	458 10
Roads and Bridges	691 96
Incidental Expenses	744 79
Poor off Farm	165 36
Schools	1,619 20
Poor Farm	233 00
Library	100 00
Cash paid by order of Selectmen	$4,114 41

JESSE B. BUTTERFIELD,
GEORGE O. PERHAM,
FRANK S. BENNETT,
Selectmen of Tyngsborough.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF POOR FARM.

Expense Account.

Groceries and provisions	$ 582 54
Grain	557 17
Farm work	150 47
House work	100 00
Hardware and Paint	11 58
New Tools and repairs on old	15 82
Plants, Garden and Grass Seed	16 91
Seed Corn and Oats	18 18
Insect Powder	2 50
Tin, Crockery and Woodenware	13 80
Oil	3 28
Blacksmithing	33 10
Boots, Shoes and Clothing	66 30
Medicine and Tobacco	17 53
Book and Paper	75
Surveying wood	1 44
Grist Mill	2 00
Smoking Hams	1 75
Repairing Clocks	1 75
Lumber	5 96
Apples	10 50
Four Cows	325 00
One Bull	24 00
Two Casks	2 50
Four Pigs	12 00
Three Horse Blankets	5 30
Rope and Tar	1 20
One Syringe	1 75
Setting Trees	5 50
Mowing Machine	70 00
Plaster and Phosphate	9 51
Vinegar	1 00
Cow and Horse Liniment	1 75
Watering-Pot	75
Repairs on House	43 78
Dressing Hogs	1 50
Mop Waste	60
Hay	10 27
Frenchman, for chopping	87 75
Swill bill	30 43
Superintendent, salary	400 00
Total	$2,547 92

Income Account.

Lawrence Poor Fund	$ 300 00
33,527 quarts milk	1,185 94
29 cords oak wood	166 75
37½ cords pine wood	140 61
Farm produce	30 52
Two Cows	70 00
3,690 lbs. Hay	40 15
Pork	16 00
Use of Bull	11 50
One Bull	40 00
Three Cows	160 00
Beef	30 99
One Hog	27 00
Treasury order	144 00
Old junk	6 71
One Hog	9 50
Three Calves	13 50
Twelve Hens	6 00
350 feet of lumber	33 25
One Pig	7 00
Wood (trash)	19 50
Treasury order	89 00
Total	$2,547 92

TOWN FARM in account with the TOWN OF TYNGSBORO.

Dr.

To personal property on hand March 18, 1882, as per inventory	$2,145 35	
Treasury Orders	233 00	
		$2,378 35

Cr.

By personal property on hand March 17, 1883, as per inventory	$2,006 92	
		$2,006 92
Balance against farm		$ 371 43

Nunber of inmates March 20, 1883, 4; number during the year 7. Number of tramps lodged and fed, 94.

POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid Dr. Dutton, medical attendance of paupers	$ 8 00
City of Lowell, aid to Mrs. Sarah Farwell	5 00
" " E. Holmes	1 49
Town of Lancaster, aid to W. S. Hunter, wife and three children	67 62

Paid	City of Malden, aid to W. S. Hunter . . .	14 25
	Town of Lunenburg, care of Sam'l Kidder . .	4 00
	Emma Gregg, 5 days' care of Mrs. Gilson . .	5 00
	Solomon Spaulding, board of Mrs. Nathan Gibson and nurse	18 00
	for coffin, robe, etc., for Mrs. Gilson . . .	12 00
	Dr. Edwards, medical attendance on Mrs. Gilson	9 00
	Otis L. Wright, digging grave and setting edge stone	3 00
	City of Malden, aid to Hunter family . .	2 00
	Wm. Sherburn, digging grave for Mrs. Hazen .	2 00
	R. S. Coburn, coffin and robe	12 00
Total	. . . . .	$165 36

JESSE B. BUTTERFIELD
GEORGE O. PERHAM,
FRANK S. BENNETT,
Overseers of the Poor

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the School Committee, Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer of the Public Library, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN PARHAM, *Auditor.*

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, ss. To R. S. COBURN, *Constable of the Town of Tyngsborough, in the County of Middlesex.* GREETING:

IN the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Tyngsborough, aforesaid, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in Tyngsborough, on Monday, the second day of April, A. D. 1883, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz. :—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer, and act in relation to the same.

ART. 3. To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.

ART. 4. To hear the Report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

ART. 5. To hear the Report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.

ART. 6. To hear the Report of the Directors of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.

ART. 7. To hear the Report of the Committee on Danforth's road, and act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as prepared by Selectmen.

ART. 9. To hear the Report of the Auditor, and act in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To bring in their votes for a Town Clerk, for three Selectmen, a Treasurer, two Constables, seven Directors

of the Public Library, two School Committee for three years —each on separate ballots.

Art. 11. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

Art. 12. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what (if any) discount the Town will allow on taxes paid on or before a certain time, and what (if any) interest the Town will charge on taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time.

Art. 14. To vote by ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

Art. 15. To see whether the Town, by its votes or otherwise, will ask the Legislature to extend to the women who are citizens, the right to hold Town offices and to vote in Town affairs, on the same terms as male citizens.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy at the Unitarian Meeting House, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Tyngsborough, this the 19th day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

JESSE B. BUTTERFIELD,
GEORGE O. PERHAM,
FRANK S. BENNETT,
Selectmen of Tyngsborough.